

DENTAL HYGIENE AND DENTAL ASSISTANT DELEGATED DUTIES IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

As adopted by the Board of Dentistry in accordance with 201 KAR 8:135, below is a complete list of the current duties and responsibilities that may be delegated to dental hygienists and dental assistants. These delegated duties are the Board's current interpretations, opinions, and declaratory rulings as allowed by KRS Chapter 13A. The legislative sub-committee reviews new procedures and duties on an annual basis and submits further recommendations to the Board for approval relating to what new procedures or techniques may constitute "those procedures which require professional judgment and skill," which then cannot be delegated to competent dental auxiliary personnel under 201 KAR 8:135.

These duties are performed under **direct supervision** of the dentist.

<u>DUTY</u>	<u>DENTAL HYGIENIST</u>	<u>DENTAL ASSISTANT</u>
Actisite		
Placement	Yes	No
Removal	Yes	No
Amalgam Restorations		
Placing (condensation)	Yes	Yes
Carving	Yes	Yes
Polishing	Yes	Yes
Anesthetic Agents (administering local)		
By infiltration	Yes**	No
By block	Yes**	No
Anesthetic - Topical Application	Yes	Yes
Atridox – Administration	Yes	No
Bases and Cavity Liners - Applying	Yes	Yes
Bands and Bonding Brackets	Yes	Yes
Bending Archwires	No	No (for intra oral use)
Bleaching	Yes***	Yes***
Brush Biopsy	No	No
Cement - Removal Coronal Surfaces	Yes	Yes
Composite Resin Restorations		
Placing	Yes	Yes
Finishing	Yes	Yes
Crowns - Temporary		
Fabricating	Yes	Yes
Placing	Yes	Yes
Removing	Yes	Yes
Diagnosis	No	No
Diagnadent	Yes	Yes
Examine Oral Cavity (inspecting, information gathering only)	Yes	Yes
Expanded Functions	Yes	Yes
Fluoride	Yes	Yes

General Supervision	Yes	No
Impressions (only if the impression is not used for an orthodontic appliance)		
Preliminary		
Placement	Yes	Yes
Pouring model	Yes	Yes
Master or final		
Placement	No	No
Holding	Yes	Yes
Removal	Yes	Yes
Pouring model	Yes	Yes
Matrices		
Placing	Yes	Yes
Removing	Yes	Yes
Nitrous Oxide Analgesia		
Administering	Yes **	No
Monitoring	Yes	Yes
Polishing - Coronal (clinical)	Yes	Yes **
Performing Pulp Vitality Testing	Yes	Yes
Periodontal Dressings		
Placing	Yes	Yes
Removing	Yes	Yes
Probing	Yes	No
Pumicing	Yes	Yes **
Radiographs Exposing	Yes	Yes **
Retraction Cords		
Placing and packing	Yes	Yes
Removal	Yes	Yes
Root Planning	Yes	No
Rubber Dams		
Placing	Yes	Yes
Removing	Yes	Yes
Sealant Application	Yes	Yes
Scaling		
Supra Gingival	Yes	No
Subgingival	Yes	No
Sutures		
Removal	Yes	Yes
Placement	No	No

**** Educational requirements must be met first**

***** No laser usage**